



**The Ploughman.**  
WITH SUPPLEMENT.

BOSTON, SATURDAY, MAY 1, 1869.

Every member of the New England Agricultural Society will receive gratis, by a copy of this week's *Ploughman*, containing the official List of Premiums to be awarded at the next New England Fair.

Several of the most prominent Agricultural Establishments of New England have made use of the space columns on the *Ploughman* Supplement, this week, in connection with the Premium List, to set forth the merits of their respective articles of merchandise and have made an attractive display of it. It is unnecessary to direct the attention of the reader.

**THE MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE NEW ENGLAND AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY** at the Parker House, on Tuesday last, was one of the largest and most important that has ever been held, and the proceedings were characterized by a degree of harmony and earnestness which augurs well for the future of the society, and the success of the next Annual Fair. The Trustees of the Maine State Society submitted a proposition of the most liberal character, the acceptance of which by the New England Society leaves nothing to be desired on their part. That the people of Maine, and especially the citizens of Portland, will exert themselves to render the coming exhibition the most imposing and successful in the history of the State, there is not a shadow of doubt.

Next in importance to the Fair, is the trial of Haymaking implements at Amherst, in June, full particulars of which will be found in our columns.

**NEW ENGLAND AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.**

**THE PREMIUM LIST FOR 1869.**

The readers of this week's *Ploughman* will hardly require to have their attention directed to the Annual List of Premiums offered by the managers of the New England Agricultural Society, for the year 1869, which is to be found in the accompanying supplement.

The list is one indicating the general enterprise and liberality of the officers of the Society.

The agriculturists of New England will persevere with unusual satisfaction and pride.

It attests a wide and deep interest in agriculture in all its branches, a care for its growing needs and prospects, and an enthusiastic determination to push it to the front of our modern vocations. It is more than true that they did real

service to the cause made in the New York suit that they have paid enormous profits to the contractors, the Credit Mobilier is it is called, or an incorporated body of contractors.

It has been explained, and we believe with truth, that the profits made by the contracting company have not been charged.

Men who under-

took so large a job as was done in this case, must have assumed very great risks.

The Cuban expedition from New Orleans seems to mean business.

EARTHQUAKES are getting rather neighborly. They had a well-defined one in Dorchester, the other afternoon, that might have spooked any school, the Committee state that our population at the last census (1865) was 200,780; we have 43,100 children between five and fifteen years of age. Of this number 32,885 attend the public schools, or are actually in decimals, 761 of the whole number. These children are accommodated in four high schools, twenty-seven grammar schools, three hundred and three primary, and two hundred minor schools; 1032 pupils belong to the high schools, 17,450 to the grammar schools, 14,835 to the primary schools.

The proceedings in the New York Courts and the oil sales of James Fisk and his supporters have been industriously made a handle of to bring the company and all connected with it into disrepute, but they seem likely to be checked.

The selling value of the bonds has been greatly depreciated, but all the money has been raised and furnished necessary to complete the road, and to pay all its outstanding liabilities. The road is an assured success. It will be completed in a month, and the payment of interest and principal on its bonds will be assured.

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**THE PACIFIC RAILROAD.**

The meeting of the stockholders of this road in Boston last week was fully attended, and the event is considered of great importance to the city—to become the port of entry of a large amount of business, a corporation with a hundred millions of capital. Some interesting speeches were made by several of the directors, and about which startling rumors had been circulated, calculated to effect its credit and standing, and that of the prominent men engaged in it. For some years after the date of the charter of the company it was found utterly impossible, on account of the immense outlay, to induce capitalists to invest in the enterprise, and for greater encouragement, in 1868 Congress made the government bonds a premium to the first.

Even then, the company's own bonds to Spain, after all.

The body of Miss Howe, missing from Springfield, Mass., since last fall, has been found in that neighborhood.

—The Pacific railroad is to be completed on any day.

Robert J. Walker has written a decidedly seductive letter about annexation to somebody in Nova Scotia.

The New York car drivers triumphed in the Second Annual Company last July twenty dollars per day by dollar.

—California vineyards will produce one to two hundred gallons more per acre than those of Italy and France.

Brazilian commanders refuse to permit the U. S. Miners to go to Leporé in Paraguay.

They have sent small party extensively in New York season, but we hope sincerely they will be disappointed.

Recent revelations of a confidential nature respecting Washington Irving confirm all that we have learned of his natural genius and companionship.

A president of Washington, D. C., bank has been sentenced to the Alcatraz Penitentiary for a period of time, and the Senate by a majority of only two votes declined to permit Senator Sumner to have it called up.

**THE GOLD HILL MINES.**

The disaster at the mines in Nevada is involved in mystery. Investigations throw no light on it, as all who were in the lower levels of the mines, when accident occurred, were dead. It is supposed that they have been killed by gas.

—The miners are becoming rather abundant between the two towns, and the celebrated Comstock ledges are among them.

The Pacific Railroad Company has established its headquarters for business in Rosewood.

—Our Harvard is to row with English Oxford the Thessals, during the last week of next August.

May flowers are becoming rather abundant hereabouts, and, as the brooks would say, are held firmly.

Paris is set down by competent judges as wickeder and more extravagant than any of its neighbors.

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THE QUAKER APPOINTMENTS.

One of the last acts of the Senate, which adjourned last week, was to confirm a number of Quaker gentlemen to take charge of Indian agencies, under the recent act of Congress. The appointments are of gentlemen selected after long and careful inquiry, and include the best men that exist.

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NO PREPARATIONS FOR TROUBLE WITH SPAIN.—Statement has recently published in the newspapers that the government is making extensive preparations to enforce support to Americans in Cuba, notwithstanding the proposal, we have likewise every possible assurance of their cooperation. We know the Farmers of Maine will this year show their full productive strength to their worthy brethren throughout the country.

—POOR CARLOTTA.

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—THE PEACE JUBILEE.

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## The Poet's Corner.

For the Massachusetts Ploughman.

MAY.

How beautiful thou art, then pleasant month of May.

When all around are bethelone and happy and gay;

When wee birds are singing their morning song of joy;

And the little lurks around them their glee to destroy.

Flowers modest peeping above the darksome ground,

Grateful to their Maker they spread their odors

The winds so mournful sound olden forest trees.

Then throw their tiny leaves to catch the breezes.

Soft whisper the braw of labor's toll worn son

Whose reward sends him his day's task done.

Yes, beautiful art thou, the best of all the year,

All things to us so fair in thy gay train appear,

We all theree here gladness, we have thee.

Since those bringest with the glorious earth,

E. A. F.

THE LOVE OF A MOTHER.

We may count through life, and dear friends

May abound.

We may share of these love as they circle us round,

But nowhere on earth can affection found.

Life's love in the breast of a mother.

Deeply fixed in her heart, it is truthful and pure,

From its pure no deception can arise; Other friendships may fail, but there's one will endure.

"To the love in the breast of a mother,

Though the friendly may change, and the trusted may fall,

And the dear one we cherished prove false to her.

There's a love we can never cease to know;

Tis the unchanging love of a mother.

Through the tempest may rage, and the clouds lower low,

Through the thunder may roll till we sink in our sleep.

There is always a bower to which we can go.

And rest--"tis the breast of a mother.

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# MASSACHUSETTS PLOUGHMAN.

SUPPLEMENT.

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## PREMIUM LIST

OF THE

## N. E. AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY,

FOR THEIR

## SIXTH ANNUAL EXHIBITION

TO BE HELD IN

## PORTLAND, MAINE,

ON THE GROUNDS OF THE

## FOREST CITY PARK,

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday,

September 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th, 1869.

GEORGE B. LORING, President. DANIEL NEEDHAM, Secretary.

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## GENERAL ARRANGEMENT.

This gate will be open for the admission of the public, from 8 A. M. until noon of each day.

The Marshal and Superintendents of the various classes will meet at the President's Headquarters in the "Grand Stand," at 12 o'clock A. M. on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, to perfect arrangements for the day.

The various local officers of the Fair shall wear suitable badges when upon duty.

## SUPERINTENDENT.

The General Superintendent will have the entire supervision of the grounds for the arrangements of the exhibition. He will have an office upon the ground, where all persons having inquiries to make in relation to arrangements, will apply.

## THE JUDGES.

The Judges and guests are requested to report themselves at the office of the Secretary, at the entrance of the grounds, where cards of admission, etc., will be furnished. A meeting of the Society at the City Hall, in Portland.

Vaccines will be filled by the Trustees at the President's quarters, on Tuesday, the tenth day of September, at 7 o'clock P. M., when the books of entries will be delivered, and a regular meeting of the Trustees will be held at the President's Headquarters at 9 A. M., each day of the Fair.

The Judges will, at their discretion, appoint a time for the examination of animals, of which due notice will be given, through the Superintendents, to exhibitors. The exhibition in the cattle ring, or on the track, will take place punctually at the hours hereinbefore specified.

The Judges will report, not only the animals and articles entitled to premiums, but "those next in merit in each class, to meet the contingencies of any object whch may arise to the awards, and also that they may receive commendation, as an act or article which, in the opinion of the Judges, deserves a special commendation, will also be reported to the Secretary.

Regard will be had to purity of blood, as established by pedigree, symmetry, size, and general characteristics of the several breeds of animals; and the Judges will make proper allowance for age, feeding, and other circumstances. They are expressly required not to give encouragement to over-fed animals in the breeding classes.

If not satisfied as to the regularity of the entries in their respective classes, they will apply to the Secretary for information, and should there be any doubt, after examination, or if the animal or article is of such a character as not to be entitled to exhibition in competition, they will report the facts to the Secretary, for the consideration of the Board of Trustees, that such course may be adopted as the case may require.

No person who is an exhibitor can act as a judge on the class in which he has exhibited. And during the examination of the Judges, if any person interferes with them, by letter or otherwise, will be excluded from the competition. But exhibitors, when requested, are expected to make verbal or written statements concerning their contributions.

As one great object of the Association is to collect valuable information upon the subject matter of the exhibition, the several committees are requested to gather all the information possible from the exhibitors in their classes, and to make their reports as full as time and circumstances will permit.

When the animals or articles are not deemed worthy of a premium, the Judge will, in all cases, withhold it. An animal or article entered for exhibition in one class cannot compete for premium in any other; but animals in other classes are not prohibited from competing for Herd or Sweepstakes Premium, nor horses entered for exhibition from competing for the premiums for speed.

The Reports of the Judges must be handed to the Secretary before nine o'clock Thursday morning.

When the Judges have made their decisions, premium cards will be attached to the pens of sheep, swine and poultry; and premium ribbons to the cattle and horses. First premium, a blue ribbon; second premium, a red ribbon; third premium, a white ribbon.

Notice of the intention to enter live stock, and all other contributions, should be sent to S. B. Beardman, Augustus, Me., on or before August 18, 1868, at proper arrangements may be made for their accommodation. All exhibitors must make their entries at least two weeks before the exhibition, in order to secure accommodations.

Letters of inquiry may be addressed to Col. Daniel Needham, Boston, Mass., and S. B. Beardman, Augusta, Me.

At nine o'clock A. M., on Tuesday, September 7th, the books will be made up for the Judges.

The exhibition of stock in the rings and on the track, will take place precisely

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at the time specified in the subjunctive arrangement; and animals not prepared at the proper time and place, may, at the discretion of the Judges, be ruled out of competition.

Stock, etc., will be marked with cards furnished by the Secretary, designating the Class and Number of entry; and during the exhibition they must be placed entirely under the management of the officers of the Society.

Authentic pedigrees of blood stock of all kinds will be required. No animal will be allowed a premium unless it is sound.

An animal will not be eligible from taking a Sweepstakes premium.

Males and female animals used for breeding, entered for competition and taking premiums, must be owned in New England at least six months previous to the exhibition, excepting as hereinafter provided.

For any exhibitors who may wish to dispose of their stock, the services of an auctioneer will be provided, and the use of the grounds given on Thursday, at 10 o'clock A. M. The Secretary will give notice of such sale, if early entry is made with him to the effect.

The Superintendents of the Grounds will take every precaution for the safe keeping of stock on exhibition, after its arrival and arrangement upon the Grounds; and the Society will not be responsible for any damage that may occur. Exhibitors must give personal attention to their animals and articles, and at the close of the Fair attend to their removal.

Exhibitors must see to the delivery of their contributions upon the Show Grounds; and the Society cannot in any case make provision for their transportation, or to be expected to any expense therin, either in the delivery at or return from the grounds; but all expenses connected therewith must be provided for by the exhibitors.

For the convenience of exhibitors, stalls will be provided for the stock; forage, consisting of hay, (and straw for litter), water and grain for swine and poultry, will be supplied without charge; so that animals, on their arrival, may be driven to the Show Grounds, and need not be removed until the exhibition is closed. Grain, for stock, will also be supplied on the grounds, and will be furnished to those who desire it as much as convenient.

In Class V. (Poultry) it is expected that every fowl will consist of a cock and two hens. The coops of all specimens must be labelled with what the exhibitor believes to be the true name. Exhibitors are expected to furnish their own cages; but no rough or clumsy ones will be admitted. All cages should be made light and tasteful, and as much as convenient.

No animal shall be excluded from competition for the first premium at any class by reason of having taken the same premiums at previous fairs.

## PRICES OF ADMISSION.

The charge for admission to the grounds will be as follows:

For single admission, each day, 50 cents.

Admission to the Grand Stand, an extra charge of 15 cents.

For a two horse vehicle and driver, (each person besides the driver to pay the regular entrance fee). \$2.

For single horse and carriage, (each person in carriage will be required to present his ticket at gate). \$1.

For horse and rider, \$1.

## ENTRANCE FEES.

All members of the Society may enter animals or articles for premiums free of charge, and are entitled to a season ticket. All other competitors will pay an entrance fee of ten dollars, and will receive a season ticket of admission, with the following exceptions:

All exhibitors for premiums on horses will pay 10 per cent. on the premiums offered in the class in which the horses are entered.

Single horses, under the saddle or in harness, entered for exhibition, but not in competition for premium, and subject to call of the Marshals. \$4.

Spans or tandem, \$5.

Four or six hand, \$6.

Exhibitors of horses under the above rules will be entitled to an exhibitor's ticket, and, when necessary, an attendant's ticket, good during the Fair.

## PREMIUMS.

Premiums will not be paid on animals or articles removed from the Exhibition unless such removal has the special approval of the President or Secretary; and premiums not claimed within sixty days after the award, will forfeit.

The Treasurer will not pay premiums until thirty days after the exhibition; these will be paid at his office, and will form part of his annual account to the Society. The amount of the premium to be paid to the Society, will be determined by the following provision, viz.: That all premiums awarded be liable to proportion reduction, sufficient to meet any deficiency that may occur in the receipts, to meet said premiums and other expenses. The Diplomas of the Society are in all cases evidences of superior merit, and Judges are required to bear this in mind in awarding them. Any person entitled to a premium of twenty dollars or more, can, at his option, accept a silver medal thereof.

No. 22.—Stallions.

Five years old and under five, first premium. \$20.00

Third do., . . . . . \$15.00

Mares, four years old and upwards. \$10.00

Second do., . . . . . \$8.00

Stallions, one year old and under four, first premium. \$10.00

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Four years old and under five, first premium. \$20.00

Third do., . . . . . \$15.00

One year old and under two, first premium. \$10.00

Second do., . . . . . \$8.00

No. 24.—Stallions.

Two years old and upwards, first premium. \$10.00

Third do., . . . . . \$8.00

No. 25.—Mares.

Five years old and upwards, first premium. \$10.00

Third do., . . . . . \$8.00

No. 26.—Ducks.

For each bird, first premium. \$1.00

Second do., . . . . . \$0.50

No. 27.—Geese.

For each bird, first premium. \$1.00

Second do., . . . . . \$0.50

No. 28.—Gulls.

For each bird, first premium. \$1.00

Second do., . . . . . \$0.50

No. 29.—Cranes.

For each bird, first premium. \$1.00

Second do., . . . . . \$0.50

No. 30.—Swallows.

For each bird, first premium. \$1.00

Second do., . . . . . \$0.50

No. 31.—Doves.

For each bird, first premium. \$1.00

Second do., . . . . . \$0.50

No. 32.—Pigeons.

For each bird, first premium. \$1.00

Second do., . . . . . \$0.50

No. 33.—Sparrows.

For each bird, first premium. \$1.00

Second do., . . . . . \$0.50

No. 34.—Finches.

For each bird, first premium. \$1.00

Second do., . . . . . \$0.50

No. 35.—Fringilla.

For each bird, first premium. \$1.00

Second do., . . . . .

